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For the DOJ to have settled for less than Microsoft originally offered is an absurdity. Microsoft's bullying, dishonesty, and successful anticompetitive manipulation makes the "free market" arguments irrelevant to this case: the DOJ should have worked to restore an open and innovative environment, but has instead worked against the public interest to institutionalize the bloat, mediocrity and bullying that are the core of Microsoft as it is today.

I'm sure that the Republican apparatchiks who managed this fiasco will do well from it once they pass through the revolving door from government disservice to corporate or lobbying jobs; sadly, the rest of us will have no such compensations.

Microsoft has already completely disregarded an earlier toothless settlement, and DOJ staffers are not such fools as to believe this one will be effective.

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